

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00573-JEB**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/01/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/01/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5975475) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/01/2019)

03/08/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/8/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/7/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/8/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/8/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by April Denise Seabrook on behalf of All Defendants (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall confer and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by April 24, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/10/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 4/24/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/24/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/24/2019)
04/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file another joint status report on or before June 4, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/25/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
04/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/4/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
06/04/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
06/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file another joint status report on or before June 21, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/5/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/21/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/21/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file another joint status report on or before July 9, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/24/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/9/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/09/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/09/2019)
07/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall appear for a status hearing on July 23, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/10/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 07/10/2019)
07/10/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 7/23/2019 at 09:30 AM in Courtroom 25A before Judge James E. Boasberg. (znbn) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION to Continue by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/12/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 8/1/2019 at 09:30 AM in Courtroom 25A before Judge James E. Boasberg. (znbn) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
07/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that Defendant's Consent <u>11</u> Motion to Continue is GRANTED and the status hearing previously set for July 23, 2019, is VACATED and RESET for August 1, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 25. Signed by

		Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/15/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
08/01/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge James E. Boasberg: Status Conference held on 8/1/2019. Order forthcoming. (Court Reporter Lisa Moreira) (znbn) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: As discussed at today's status hearing, the Court ORDERS that the Government shall file a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on the <u>Glomar</u> issue by September 3, 2019, with Plaintiff's Opposition due by September 24, 2019, and the Government's Reply by October 8, 2019. In the event the Government's Motion is denied and documents do exist and are withheld, briefing on the propriety of such withholding will occur in conjunction with briefing on any disputes regarding the other documents currently being processed. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 08/01/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Partial Summary Judgment motions due by 9/3/2019. Response to Motion for Partial Summary Judgment due by 9/24/2019. Reply to Motion for Partial Summary Judgment due by 10/8/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
09/03/2019	<u>12</u>	MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>4</u> Declaration)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 09/03/2019)
09/23/2019	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Plaintiff's <u>13</u> Motion to Reset Briefing Schedule. The Court ORDERS that: 1) Plaintiff's opposition shall be due by October 1, 2019; and 2) Defendant's reply shall be due by October 15, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/23/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Opposition due by 10/1/2019 Replies due by 10/15/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 09/24/2019)
10/01/2019	<u>14</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>12</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment ( <i>with response to Statement of Facts</i> ) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>15</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>12</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
10/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Defendant's <u>15</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that Defendant's reply brief shall be filed by October 17, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/16/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Reply due by 10/17/2019. (nbn) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/17/2019	<u>16</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>12</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>17</u>	ORDER: The Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment is DENIED; and 2) The parties shall submit a joint status report by December 10, 2019. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/26/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>18</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION re <u>17</u> Order on Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/26/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/26/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/10/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
11/26/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/10/2019. (nbn) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/09/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 12/09/2019)

12/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report. The Court ORDERS that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by January 22, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/10/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 12/10/2019)
12/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/22/2020. (nbn) (Entered: 12/10/2019)
12/31/2019	<u>20</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>17</u> Order on Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, <u>18</u> Memorandum & Opinion by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 12/31/2019)
01/10/2020	<u>21</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>20</u> MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>17</u> Order on Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, <u>18</u> Memorandum & Opinion by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 01/10/2020)
01/10/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that: 1) Plaintiff's <u>21</u> Consent Motion is GRANTED; 2) Plaintiff shall file its opposition by January 28, 2020; and 3) Defendant shall file its reply by February 11, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/10/2020. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/10/2020)
01/13/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Opposition due by 1/28/2020. Replies due by 2/11/2020. (nbn) (Entered: 01/13/2020)
01/22/2020	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 01/22/2020)
01/22/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by March 3, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/22/2020. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/22/2020)
01/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/3/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 01/23/2020)
01/28/2020	<u>23</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>20</u> MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>17</u> Order on Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, <u>18</u> Memorandum & Opinion filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 01/28/2020)
02/10/2020	<u>24</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>20</u> MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>17</u> Order on Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, <u>18</u> Memorandum & Opinion by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 02/10/2020)
02/10/2020		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Defendant's <u>24</u> Motion for Extension of Time. The Court ORDERS that Defendant shall file its reply by February 14, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/10/2020. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 02/10/2020)
02/10/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Replies due by 2/14/2020. (nbn) (Entered: 02/11/2020)
02/14/2020	<u>25</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>20</u> MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>17</u> Order on Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, <u>18</u> Memorandum & Opinion filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 02/14/2020)
03/03/2020	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/03/2020)
03/03/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by May 5, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/3/2020. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 03/03/2020)
03/03/2020	<u>27</u>	ORDER: The Court ORDERS that: 1) The Department of Justice's <u>20</u> Motion for Reconsideration is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART; and 2) DOJ may maintain a <u>Glomar</u> response, except for communications that demonstrate that a meeting between Sussman and Baker occurred in September 2016. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/3/2020. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 03/03/2020)
03/04/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/5/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 03/04/2020)

05/05/2020	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Hardy Decl.)(Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
05/05/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall submit a further joint status report by July 7, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/5/2020. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
05/05/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/7/2020. (znbn) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
05/05/2020	<u>29</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Darrell C. Valdez on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
07/06/2020	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 07/06/2020)